



**PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION, COMMUNITY SERVICES  
(PARCS) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 4, 2022**

**Minutes**

A meeting of the PARCS Advisory Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Tommy Brooks on the above date in Council Chambers at the City of Upland's City Hall.

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 P.M.**

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Committee Chair Tommy Brooks, Committee Member Ralph Cavallo, Committee Member Michelle Dazalla, Committee Member Sarah Lee, Committee Member Lisa Nassar, Committee Member Lisa Nicely, Committee Member Bryan Sanches, Committee Member Natasha Walton, Committee Member Dylan White

**Absent:** Committee Member Elizabeth Velazquez.

**Staff:** Assistant City Manager, Stephen Parker, Recreation Manager, Jessica Gandara, Public Works Director, Braden Yu, Operations Manager, Richard Smiderle, Recreation Division Senior Administrative Assistant, Christina Jones.

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a.** Resident Shari Wasson suggests that the NFC court be placed at Sycamore Park as Sycamore Park has a dire need for improvements. Ms. Wasson also suggested that more information be provided regarding walking paths and requests that site plans also be provided to stakeholders.
- b.** Resident James Breitling suggests that the Staff Report should include what metrics were used to compose the proposal to implement walking paths throughout the City such as input from residents and other stakeholders who use the City parks. Mr. Breitling also suggested that the committee considers RAC (rubberized asphalt concrete) for the planned walking paths.
- c.** Keith Gough spoke with regard to the skate park expansion which he feels is much needed

as the skate park currently is not beginner friendly.

- d. Phoenix De Leon also agrees that the expansion of the skate park is much needed as it can be dangerous for beginners especially for young children.
- e. Masa Yukisuro also spoke with regard to the expansion of the skate park of which he agrees is much needed. Mr. Yukisuro also shared that although he enjoys the skatepark himself as an advanced skater, shared his concerns as he personally knows other residents of Upland who drive to other nearby cities to use other skate parks because Upland's skate park is not beginner user-friendly.
- f. Paul Gilkey made comments that he has worked with other surrounding cities to help facilitate ideas of developing skate parks and is excited to be a part of the development for the expansion for the City of Upland's skate park.

**4. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- a. Approval of PARCS Meeting Minutes from November 2, 2021 postponed until March 1, 2022
  - i. Motion: Committee Chair Tommy Brooks
  - ii. Second Motion: Committee Member Natasha Walton
  - iii. Vote: Passed 9-0, 1 Absent.

**5. OLD BUSINESS: N/A**

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. NFC Fitness Court Discussion – PARCS committee members agreed to move forward to approve only the funding of the NFC Fitness Court as concerns arose amongst several committee members regarding the location of the NFC court. The vote on the location of the NFC Fitness Court is to be tabled for discussion on a later date.
  - i. Motion: Committee Member Ralph Cavallo
  - ii. Second Motion: Committee Member Michelle Dazalla
  - iii. Vote: Passed 8-1, 1 Absent.
- b. Walking Path Discussion – PARCS committee members agreed to approve the order of the priority of the installation of walking paths throughout the City of Upland.
  - i. Motion: Committee Member Ralph Cavallo
  - ii. Second Motion: Committee Chair Tommy Brooks
  - iii. Vote: Passed 8-1, 1 Absent.
- c. Walking Path Discussion Continued – PARCS committee members discussed the types of walking paths that would be installed. Committee members moved to approve Decomposed Granite as a type of walking path to be installed.
  - i. Motion: Committee Member Ralph Cavalla
  - ii. Second Motion: Committee Member Natasha Walton
  - iii. Vote: Failed 3-4-1, 1 Absent

- d. Walking Path Discussion – continued PARCS committee members discussed concrete as an alternate walking path that would be installed. Committee members moved to approve the opposition of concrete walking paths to be installed.
  - i. Motion: Committee Member Dylan White
  - ii. Second Motion: Committee Member Ralph Cavalla
  - iii. Vote: Failed 3-5, 2 Absent

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- a. Committee members expressed that more participation and input from more community members and residents would be necessary to move forward with plans for improvements.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION, COMMUNITY SERVICES (PARCS) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING is scheduled for March 1, 2022.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_



Recreation Manager – Jessica Gandara

**Approved:** March 1, 2022